



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Martin John Hofmann
Serial No.: 09/979,576 Art Unit: 1723
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Title: CHROMATOGRAPHY COLUMNS
Examiner: Ernest G. Therkorn
Docket No.: 34156

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The three-month period for responding to the Office action of September 16, 2003 expired on December 16, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response period be extended by one-month until January 16, 2004. A check for the \$110.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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